

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF WWII SAILOR ALBERT MARTIN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor the life and sacrifice of a World War II sailor, Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Albert Martin, of Morris Creek, Kentucky.

During World War II, PO2 Albert Martin served as a member of the United States Navy and was assigned to the USS *Indianapolis*. On July 30, 1945, while sailing in the Philippine Sea, multiple torpedoes fired from a Japanese submarine struck the USS *Indianapolis*. This caused catastrophic damage to the hull of the U.S. naval vessel, which resulted in its rapid sinking.

Sadly, PO2 Martin was among the roughly 800 officers and sailors that day who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and perished while defending freedom. At the time of his passing, PO2 Martin was survived by his wife, Ruth Faulkner, and their three children, C.B., Danny, and Carol Jean.

PO2 Martin served this nation proudly, answering the call of duty in order to defend liberty and prevent the Axis Powers threat from arriving on our shores.

Because of PO2 Martin's sacrifice and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms have been protected for many generations. He was truly an outstanding American and endures as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING GUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gustine High School in celebration of its 100th anniversary. Gustine is a small, rural community located in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley. For ten decades, the teachers and faculty at Gustine High School have enriched the lives of thousands of students. Many graduates have found success in careers in various fields.

In 1912, due to the growing population and inefficient school system, The Gustine Chamber of Commerce petitioned to have a high school established in Gustine. While the population in the area was small, demand for a more accessible high school was high. On July 26, 1913, the elementary schools in Gustine, Enterprise, Occidental, Cottonwood, Canal, Romero, and Ingomar voted to form a school district and build Gustine High School.

A small building was erected on Main Street, and Gustine High School officially

opened on September 8, 1913. During that first school year, there were twenty students and two teachers, with C.R. Perrier serving as Principal. In the next month, a basketball team was formed and their first game was lost to Newman High School, thus beginning a great rivalry between the two schools.

The new high school was a success, and on March 14, 1914, a bond was passed to allow for further construction to expand. By 1916, the school was completed with new buildings, a gym and its first graduating class of two, Rosalie Bizzini and Rose Williams. Since the 1920s, agriculture has been a main focus at Gustine High School. In 1922, agricultural and mechanic courses were offered, and the school held its first Stock Show in the spring of 1927. Still, the indoor Stock Show is the oldest of its kind in California. In the 1938–1939 school year, Gustine High officially began their participation in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program.

In 1944, an invitational basketball tournament was sponsored by the Gustine 20–30 Club, a service organization dedicated to serving youth. Under sponsorship of the Gustine Rotary Club, this tournament continues today as the longest running invitational basketball tournament operated by a high school in the state of California.

In the past 100 years, Gustine High School has gone through changes. Notably, in 1953, a new gymnasium was built to accommodate the larger number of students and the community's growing interest in basketball. In 1962, the original mission style of the school, designed by Trewhill and Shields, was remodeled in favor of a more modern design. Over the years, Gustine High School has seen thousands of students walk through its halls with a number of those students returning as teachers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gustine High School for their 100 years in providing quality education to the students of the San Joaquin Valley. The education that students receive at Gustine Union High School has enhanced many lives and created endless opportunities for achieving success.

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time to recognize the Borough of Ogdensburg in Sussex County, New Jersey as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary.

This beautiful community was originally part of Sparta Township until it became its own self-governing community in 1914. Ogdensburg acquired its name from its first settler, Robert Ogden. When the borough first

formed, the population was less than 1,000 citizens. Now, Ogdensburg is home to more than 2,000 citizens and stretches across 2.3 square miles of land. New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked Ogdensburg 27th in its 2008 rankings of the "Best Places to Live" in New Jersey.

Ogdensburg provides public education from Kindergarten to eighth grade through the Ogdensburg Borough School District. For ninth through twelfth grades, public school students attend Walkkill Valley Regional High School, which also serves students from neighboring boroughs.

The National Register of Historic Places recognizes multiples locations in Ogdensburg. The Ogdensburg Railroad Arch, also known as the "Backwards Tunnel," was built in 1871 on Cork Hill Road. Its beauty is only matched by its historic value. The double arch tunnels extend over half an acre and were designed by architect Justin Arnold. The tunnel was nicknamed the "Backwards Tunnel" because it was thought that the tunnel should have been wider over the road than over the river.

Another recognized site in Ogdensburg is the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. This historic zinc mine provided minerals and jobs to the people of the region until it officially closed in 1986. It now serves as a reminder of Ogdensburg's history and prosperity and as a destination for tourists.

The people of Ogdensburg are equally as notable as its sites. Some of the residents go above and beyond the call of public service. Among them was Joseph "Muzzie" Masar, a recently deceased decorated World War II veteran, who will be remembered by the people of Ogdensburg as a dedicated member of the community. He worked as an Ordinance Engineer at Picatinny Arsenal, was a founding member of the Ogdensburg First Aid Squad, and served as a member of the Ogdensburg town council. Mr. Masar was also a member of the VFW Post 10152–Ogdensburg and a proud firefighter for the Ogdensburg Volunteer Fire Department. Residents such as Joseph Masar exemplify the truly proud and civic-minded people of the borough.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borough of Ogdensburg as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary.

HONORING THE WAPAHANI HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Wapahani High School boys baseball team.

The Wapahani baseball team recently made school history by capturing its first ever baseball state championship. The Raiders won the Indiana Class 2A State Baseball Championship 2–0 over Evansville Mater Dei at Victory

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Field in Indianapolis. This victory is Wapahani High School's fourth state championship. The state championship victory marked the team's 17th straight win. They finished the season with a record of 30–4.

I want to congratulate this team for performing with extraordinary dedication and teamwork for the entirety of their season and throughout the State Championship. I also want to commend the team for representing themselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations on the achievement go to team members Drew Brant, Zack Thompson, Luke Snider, Bret Lawson, Talon Craycraft, Kyzer York, Collin Hoots, Jacob Walters, Grant Thompson, Hunter Stanley, Taylor McKee, Austin White, Jourdan Hill, Hayden Castor, Austin Martin, Jared Coats, and Alex Summers. In addition, senior team member Collin Hoots was named the winner of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award for Class 2A Boys Baseball for his demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability.

For the continued leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the head coach, Brian Dudley, who led the team through their most successful season yet.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Wapahani High School varsity baseball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 8, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 369 and No. 370.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes on July 8. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 369, H.R. 4263, the Social Media Working Group Act of 2014 I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 370, H.R. 4289, the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act I would have voted "aye."

IN HONOR OF MR. TIMOTHY J.
ELVERMAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to honor Mr. Timothy J. Elverman as he celebrates 40 years of achievement. It is

truly an honor for me to pay homage to someone who has contributed so much to Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

I have known Tim Elverman for over 30 years, well before I began my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Mr. Elverman is a graduate of Marquette University Law School.

Tim has enjoyed an illustrious and diverse career. After law school his first job was Director of the Student Legal Assistance Center at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. He returned to Wisconsin to serve as Home Secretary/Ombudsman for Congressman Les Aspin in his Janesville office.

After leaving public service, Tim was the Wisconsin Director of Government Relations at Bank One Corporation (now JPMorgan Chase & Co.) for 14 years. While at Bank One, Tim was also responsible for the bank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) compliance, and was on the bank's foundation board. While serving in that capacity, Tim was actively involved in a variety of organizations in the community including Chairman of the following organizations: New Opportunities for Home Ownership in Milwaukee (NOHIM) lenders' consortium, the Board for the 16th Street Community Health Center, and the Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Counsel. He also served on the advisory board for the Local Initiatives Support Corporations (LISC) and on the advisory board for the Mid-Town Credit Union which I established as a Vista volunteer.

Tim Elverman joined Broydick & Associates and later Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova as Senior Counsel. He is now retiring from Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, after a long and productive career.

Tim Elverman is a strong example of leadership and excellence for the Milwaukee community. He is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure. I value his service and I am proud to call him friend. Timothy J. Elverman, thank you for your service to the 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN S. TUFTS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the life and legacy of an inspirational woman, Ms. Karen Tufts. Ms. Tufts passed away in Lexington, Kentucky on April 6, 2014 at the age of 80 but still lives inside the hearts of the many individuals she touched.

Ms. Tufts dedicated her life to helping others. As a Military Sexual Assault Therapist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, Ms. Tufts treated numerous survivors of military sexual trauma (MST). Even after retirement, Ms. Tufts continued to follow her passion to help survivors of MST by opening up her home to counsel men and women known affectionately as "Karen's Survivors."

It was these survivors' stories about the positive impact her care had on their lives that led me to introduce H.R. 3775, the Karen Tufts Military Sexual Assault Victims Em-

powerment Act, also known as the Karen Tufts Military SAVE Act. This legislation follows the example set by Ms. Tufts, which would empower survivors of military sexual trauma to select their own care providers and provide the support these brave service members have earned.

While we grieve the loss of this great American, we also honor her life and her devotion to helping others by continuing the important work of supporting survivors of MST.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN ASHOK KUMAR MAGO

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago receiving the Padma Shri Award and to congratulate him on this honor.

As Chairman and CEO of Mago and Associates and Founder of the Greater Dallas Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Mago's accomplishments are outstanding and he is truly deserving of this prestigious award. By focusing on networking, expanding business opportunities, and fostering trade between our two nations, the chamber has grown into an influential organization in Texas. I want to commend Chairman Mago on his leadership and dedication to the chamber and giving the local Indian community a united voice. His belief in giving back to his community is admirable and evident in his actions, such as raising hundreds and thousands of dollars for charities and generously devoting his time to serve in numerous civic organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago as he continues to encourage trade and business relations between the United States and India.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF RANGER THOMAS E. COWPER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ranger Thomas E. Cowper, who recently retired from the Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation after 25 years of service.

In 1989, Thomas began his career in Snohomish County as the first Off-Road Vehicle Coordinator and then became a Park Ranger in 1991. Working at Flowing Lake Park for many years, he ensured quality camping, boating, fishing and picnicking for Washington families and enhanced the recreational opportunities in many parks for the entire community.

Throughout his career, Ranger Cowper spread his passion for nature to those around him. As a park ranger, he guided children in nature interpretation through live birds of prey programs and he mentored hundreds of Boy Scouts in their Eagle Scout service projects.

Through his commitment to educational programs in the community, Ranger Cowper has encouraged good stewardship of our public lands and the creatures that inhabit them. His enthusiasm and dedication to protecting, improving and sharing the nature of Snohomish County has enriched the lives of its residents.

I want to thank Ranger Thomas Cowper for his commitment to serving the people of Snohomish County and offer my congratulations on his retirement. I wish him the best on his next endeavors in the community and beyond.

HONORING MRS. CARMELA TRIPPI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Carmela Trippi who will be celebrating her 105th birthday on July 1, 2014. Throughout the last century, Mrs. Trippi's unwavering service has left and continues to leave an indelible imprint on our community and on her family.

Carmela has bore witness to some of the most dramatic events in our nation's history—including two World Wars, the Great Depression, the rise and fall of the Soviet Union, the Civil Rights Movement, conflicts in the Middle East, and both waves of the Women's Rights Movement. However, she did not sit idly by.

Mrs. Trippi has participated in politics and government for nearly eight decades, serving as a Democratic Committee woman and clerk to the Hon. Henry Nowak. She is a past president of the Greater Women's Democratic Club and is a current member of the Delaware Club and the Frontier Democratic Club. At age 104, she continues to be active on campaign trails of local elected officials.

The family life of Carmela proves to be inspirational as well. A lifelong Buffalo resident, she is a proud and prolific matriarch with four children, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Thus far, Carmela has led a remarkable life and shows no sign of stopping.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few minutes to recognize Mrs. Carmela Trippi. The unbridled generosity and energetic spirit of this great woman exemplify truly meaningful public service and commitment. Mrs. Trippi's accomplishments in community service, family life, government, and politics through many unfathomably difficult years show that she is a leader and trailblazer for all.

H.R. 4412, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2014, I proudly voted in favor of H.R. 4412, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Authorization Act of 2014, which passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 401 to 2. NASA is an investment in our nation's future.

Investments in the space program will energize, engage, and inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, educators, and the public.

NASA helps propel our nation's economy and technological edge by creating thousands of high-tech jobs in the aerospace industry, at research laboratories, and in universities, and will help strengthen the U.S. aerospace industrial base. Space exploration stimulates the best and brightest with cutting-edge scientific and technical challenges that will make our nation stronger and more competitive. For example, NASA research on advanced electronics and micro-chips helped create the Silicon Valley that provides the innovation and economic growth that benefits our nation today.

But NASA is much more than a jobs program. NASA's science programs aim to answer fundamental questions about the nature and fate of the Universe, the origins of the planets and solar system, the lifecycle of stars, and will help us answer basic human questions, such as whether life has existed elsewhere, perhaps on Mars or maybe Jupiter's moon Europa.

I'm supportive of NASA's planetary science program and the great work done by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), located in my Congressional district, in Pasadena, California. JPL has led the world in planetary science missions, including the Mars rovers, missions to Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus, among many others. The planetary science program is a unique symbol of our country's technological leadership, pioneering spirit, and our optimism for the future. It demonstrates that we are a bold and curious nation interested in discovering and exploring the richness of worlds beyond our own. A vibrant space program is the hallmark of a great nation.

I also support Section 321 in the bill, which calls on NASA to follow the recommendations from the National Academy of Science's report on planetary exploration. Section 321 specifies regular opportunities for small, medium and large missions consistent with the report, and establishes a goal to launch a mission to Jupiter's moon Europa by 2021.

NASA's planetary science program is a crown jewel of our nation. I support these pursuits and investments because they inspire the public and the next generation of scientists and engineers that our nation needs.

I urge my colleagues, and the Administration, to continue to robustly support NASA's cutting edge missions, engineering, and technology.

HONORING MRS. MARY MCHUGH

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mary McHugh for the forty-nine years she spent educating and improving the lives of children in Illinois. Mary's dedication and involvement in our community serves as an example towards which all of us can strive. She mentored countless student teachers towards excellence. She assured and convinced hundreds of underprivileged children to set their sights higher and pursue their

dreams. It is my pleasure to celebrate her many years of service as an educator. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding educator.

Mary has selflessly dedicated her life to her community. She began teaching in Goreville, IL in 1952, and over the years to follow she taught in Vienna, IL and Corpus Christi, TX. On August 14, 1957, Mary was approved as a teacher in Belleville Public Schools District #118, and from 1958 to 2001 she taught at Franklin Elementary School.

During her forty-three years teaching at Franklin Elementary School in Belleville, Mary pioneered practices that broadened horizons for countless underprivileged children. She cofounded the practice of inviting recent college graduates back to Franklin Elementary School, clad in caps and gowns, to show elementary school students that they can dream big. She started the ongoing tradition of having teachers visit all Franklin Elementary families to welcome students for the new school year. The afterschool tutoring and "Saturday School" programs she cofounded provided students with the chance to achieve their potential. Her work establishing the District Spelling Bee, Young Authors Conference and District Science Fair helped teach students the joys of learning. She played an instrumental role in creating the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, which transformed a high-crime neighborhood into a safe and supportive place to live and go to school. The impact she had on the children whose lives she touched is immeasurable.

Mary's record of service extends beyond her life as a teacher and her deep involvement in the Belleville community deserves commendation. She served as a Belleville Township Trustee and a Charter member and officer of the City of Belleville Human Relations Commission. She has been involved in the St. Clair County Historical Society, the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club and the Homeless Initiative Committee. She cofounded the Belleville Achieves Strength in Character (BASIC) initiative and the annual Storytelling Festival in Belleville. The many awards and honors that have been bestowed upon her over the years include the Belleville District 118 Bill Porzukowiak Character Award, the St. Louis Metropolitan Urban League Community Service Recipient of the Year, the Racial Harmony Community Service Award, the St. Clair County Lawyers Liberty Bell Award, and the 1983 Illinois Master Teacher Award.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, I am pleased to honor Mrs. Mary McHugh and the remarkable services she has given to our nation and the state of Illinois. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this wonderful woman who has repeatedly proven that "we CAN do this!"

RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF MORRIS COUNTY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative

Extension during the centennial year of the Smith-Lever Act.

On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Lever Act, creating the Cooperative Extension. The Smith-Lever Act established a partnership among federal, state, and county governments, as well as the United States Department of Agriculture and land-grant universities, in order to provide educational opportunities for youths and adults concerning issues of agriculture. A state-by-state network of extension educators brings to the people science-based knowledge and research in areas such as agriculture, sustainability, environment, health, and nutrition.

The Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension uses this science-based knowledge and education to help New Jersey residents improve their lives and communities. The Cooperative Extension provides several programs for both young people and adults in areas such as healthy lifestyles, food safety and nutrition, environment and natural resources, and economic growth and agricultural sustainability in Essex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and other counties in New Jersey.

One of the areas focused on by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension is 4-H Youth Development programs. Through educational outreach, Rutgers faculty and staff along with volunteers, bring their knowledge and expertise to the young people of New Jersey from kindergarten through high school and one year beyond. Among the 4-H programs are 4-H clubs, overnight camping trips, and afterschool child care education programs.

In addition to 4-H youth development, the Cooperative Extension also delivers assistance, information, and consultation to businesses, residents, and government agencies through the Department of Agricultural and Resource Management Agents. Two of the department's major programs are Rutgers Master Gardner and the Environmental Stewards Program. The Rutgers Master Gardner program accepts volunteers and trains them to help the Cooperative Extension in its efforts to spread information to the public about horticulture. The Environmental Stewards Program trains and educates people so they can contribute in the effort to find solutions to environmental issues facing New Jersey communities.

The Department of Family and Community Health Sciences is another branch of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Its mission is to promote healthy lifestyles for individuals, families, and groups in New Jersey. Through workshops and other resources, Family and Community Health Sciences bring information about nutrition, exercise, wellness, and family development to those communities that are involved. One major program run by this department is, "Walk Point to Point NJ." Through this, the Cooperative Extension encourages young people and adults in New Jersey to walk, or do other physical activity, that would be the equivalent of traversing the entirety of the state.

Through its many programs and divisions, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension network, provides assistance, research, education, and involvement opportunities for New Jersey residents so that they may be healthier and better informed about agriculture, sustainability, environment, health, and nutrition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rutgers New

Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension during the centennial year of the Smith-Lever Act.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TERRY REARDON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. GEORGE MILLER, to pay tribute to the life of Terry Reardon, who passed away on July 1, 2014. Terry led by example as his love and appreciation for life made him a mentor and friend to many.

Terry was born in Oakland, California to John and Marian Reardon. The Reardons were loyal Democrats, and from a young age, Terry was out walking precincts with his parents. His love for politics never wavered as he worked on every Presidential campaign from John F. Kennedy to President Barack Obama. Terry always showed his support of the Democratic party at their National Conventions, and later worked for his family friend, Congressman GEORGE MILLER. Congressman MILLER will always remember Terry as a wonderful friend who cared about policy and the possibility of creating change.

Terry graduated from California State University, Fresno, and was an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity which is where my lifelong friendship with Terry began. He was my confidant, best friend, and honorary brother. He served as my chief of staff for 24 years when I was in the California State Legislature and we continued to participate in political campaigns together until the very end. He worked diligently on legislation relating to comprehensive transportation, water, and housing policy. Terry's service to the State of California deserves to be commended. Every day, he proudly served the residents of our San Joaquin Valley.

When Terry was not working, he was exploring other parts of the world. He had the pleasure of visiting almost every continent. Terry's travels gave him a unique perspective and ability to empathize for others. He was an amazing individual whose kindness, compassion, and generosity were evident to all of those who had the pleasure of knowing and crossing paths with him. He touched the lives of countless individuals including my own.

Terry's strength and resilience were a testament to the life he lived and to the person he was. He lived each day to its fullest, and we can all strive to live life as he did. His sense of humor and vibrant spirit were contagious. He will be greatly missed by his brother, Tim and his wife, Julie; his nephew, Christopher; his niece, Stacey; his former spouse, Linda, and many relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that Mr. GEORGE MILLER and I ask our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of our dear friend, Terry Reardon. Terry's presence will undoubtedly be missed, but the contributions he made to make this world a better place will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MONTALVO FAMILY REUNION AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTALVO'S BARBER SHOP

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Montalvo's Barber Shop of Long Branch, New Jersey as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. I would like to join with the Montalvo family, many of whom will be gathered from across the country for the 3rd Family Reunion, in honoring the barber shop for its continued service to the local community.

I would also like to welcome the members of the Montalvo Family to Long Branch, New Jersey for their 2014 Montalvo National Family Committee Family Reunion. I am honored that you have chosen our community and state to be the host of your family's ongoing traditions and continuing legacy.

The theme of the Montalvo 3rd Family Reunion is a fitting tribute to Montalvo's Barber Shop's 50 years. "A gathering of generations remembering our past, living today, embracing our future" embodies the background and values of the barber shop. Montalvo's Barber Shop has been a mainstay in Long Branch since it opened in 1964, providing countless residents and visitors with outstanding customer service. Throughout its long history, Montalvo's Barber Shop has remained committed to tradition and proper technique.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Montalvo's Barber Shop. The Montalvos' hard work and dedication to quality services are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,588,757,555,596.18. We've added \$6,961,880,506,683.10 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM AT BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the work that Buffalo State has done to enhance and facilitate education in Buffalo.

They have done this through the creation of the Buffalo State Challenge. This initiative was first implemented in the fall of 2010 and will now usher in its first graduating seniors in 2014.

This program enlists students in their freshman year from McKinley High School of the Buffalo Public Schools and Oracle Charter School, and serves them throughout their four years of high school. Buffalo State has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the community through its efforts to stem the rising tide of high school drop outs.

The "Challenge" program not only seeks to aid students within the community during high school, but aims to set these students up to take advantage of their potential through higher education. Students participating in this program who graduate with an 85 or higher average and have combined SAT scores of 1000 or higher in reading and math are awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to attend Buffalo State.

Education is the key to success, and Buffalo State has acknowledged its understanding of this concept through the "Challenge" program. Given the means to succeed, students will succeed and Buffalo State is giving students the means to accomplish this. These achievements make me proud to honor my alma mater for its involvement in working towards making higher education a realistic possibility for so many students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Buffalo State's efforts to help make higher education more accessible to many students within the local community and also the outstanding accomplishments of the participants of the Buffalo State Challenge. I am grateful that there are institutions like Buffalo State working so hard to help improve the area that I represent.

RECOGNIZING THE 377TH AIR BASE WING AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 377th Air Base Wing located at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico for their continued dedication to our nation's security.

From May 28, 2014 to June 6, 2014, the Air Force Material Command and Defense Threat Reduction Agency Inspector General teams visited Kirtland AFB to evaluate the 377th Air Base Wing's ability to manage nuclear deterrence and global strike resources while complying with strict nuclear surety standards.

Nuclear surety inspections are extremely detailed and demand the highest standards of performance, compliance and accountability. The IG teams methodically evaluated numerous scenarios, special interest items and conducted a formal assessment across the 377th Air Base Wing during their Nuclear Surety Inspection.

Not only did the 377th Air Base Wing complete this demanding inspection successfully, but they received the highest nuclear surety inspection rating possible. The inspectors found that the Airmen of the 377th Air Base Wing demonstrated their ability to ensure the

safety, security and reliability of our nation's strategic deterrence capability, all while maintaining extremely high motivation, professionalism, and proficiency throughout the rigorous inspection process.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally congratulate the Airmen of the 377th Air Base Wing not just for their stellar completion of this demanding inspection, but more importantly, for the great work they do every day to deter our adversaries, assure our allies and protect the American people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WINNAKEE LAND TRUST

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Winnakee Land Trust, an organization dedicated to preserving the beautiful history and nature of northern Dutchess County, New York. This Saturday, July 12, the Winnakee Land Trust will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, marking a tremendous achievement in land conservation and care for New York's natural resources.

Founded in 1989, the Winnakee Land Trust was born out of the desire of local Dutchess County residents to protect open spaces and agriculture. The name "Winnakee", meaning "good land," comes from the name of a Native American tribe that roamed Dutchess County. In 2011, Winnakee earned accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance, a national conservation organization with high standards for membership.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and as an Upstate New Yorker, I am honored to have the privilege of recognizing this great organization. The Winnakee Land Trust has worked hard to engage our community all over the region and build relationships with stakeholders in the towns and villages of Clinton, Hyde Park, Milan, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli, among others.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Winnakee again on twenty-five years of excellence. I look forward to attending their anniversary gala this Saturday, July 12. I urge my colleagues in the House and Senate, and all Americans, to look to their example as a beacon of historic land conservation in our great nation.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STUART E. EDGAR POST 493 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Veterans of Foreign Wars Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Women's Auxiliary located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a national organization, established in 1899, that sup-

ports and honors veterans and their families across the United States. Throughout the organization's history, the VFW has played a large role serving American veterans, including its strong support for the establishment of the Veterans Administration, creation of the National Cemetery system, and the passage of legislation for veterans, such as the G.I. Bill for the Twenty-First Century. In 1996, the VFW launched Operation Uplink, a program that allows deployed service members to call home, free of charge, on three designated days each month.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War was established in 1924 and brings together the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of veterans in order to celebrate those who have served in the military. In 2010, the Post 493 Women's Auxiliary found itself in serious financial trouble. However, through the dedication of its members, coupled with help from local community, the Auxiliary was able to raise the funds to allow the organization to continue and flourish. Today, VFW Post 493 and the Women's Auxiliary continue to bring together about 100 men and women from the Township of Nutley, as well as the Township of Belleville.

In addition to advancing the broader mission and goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 493 and the Women's Auxiliary carry out a number of duties throughout the year. These duties include marching in local parades as well as performing services at war memorials on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They also hold events to raise funds for scholarships, services for veterans, and other goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 2010, through the Adopt-A-Unit program, Post 493 sent packages of goods to two Army units—the Second Battalion, 113th Infantry of Newark and First Battalion, 102nd Cavalry of West Orange. Twice a year, members host parties and serve dinner to patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey.

The Auxiliary's efforts and contributions have made an enormous impact on the community, local veterans, their families, and the VFW at large.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Veterans of Foreign War Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Women's Auxiliary as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

HONORING DR. JOHN HAEGER ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and extraordinary educator in my community of Flagstaff, Arizona, Dr. John Haeger, who is retiring after 13 years as president of Northern Arizona University (NAU).

NAU is one of the great universities in my state and, with Dr. Haeger's vision and commitment, has become one of the best universities in the country.

Collaborations and partnerships were a hallmark of President Haeger's leadership and

legacy. His pursuit of creative funding solutions in the face of increasing enrollment and budget constraints contributed to the university's reputation and educational mission, provided alternative revenue sources and created efficiencies at every level. New ventures with public and private entities—such as TGen North, the High Country Conference Center and the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) transportation spine that has become central to the growth of NAU—also played a role in the university keeping up with growth.

The physical transformation of NAU—both in Flagstaff and throughout the state—is a defining aspect of President Haeger's legacy. Under his watch, dozens of new buildings have been added or renovated, the result of careful and deliberate planning and a demonstrated commitment to sustainability during economically challenging times. They include the new W.A. Franke College of Business and Engineering School, nearly a dozen new services including an expanded University Union, a Native American Cultural Center, new transportation options through NAIPTA and new parking structures, expanded opportunities statewide for NAU students with campuses in North Valley, Tucson, Yavapai and others and new residence halls to accommodate the phenomenal growth of the university.

His commitment to affordability and accessibility is intrinsically linked to NAU's mission. In 2008, President Haeger initiated the tuition pledge guaranteeing the same tuition rate for each incoming undergraduate student for four years. It's a promise of predictability that has become not only a motivating factor for choosing NAU but that also serves as an incentive for students to complete their degree in four years.

His charge has been largely devoted to fundamentally changing the way college-bound students gain access to higher education. Some of the university's most pioneering alternatives to the traditional four-year college experience also have emerged under his watch. The cost-saving model at NAU—Yavapai garnered the attention of Governor Jan Brewer, who called it "visionary" and "an example for the entire state and the nation." The award-winning 2NAU joint admission program with community colleges across the state has won a statewide award for helping students earn college degrees. Students save money by completing their first two years at the community college tuition rate.

The Personalized Learning program that launched last year is now at the forefront of the emerging competency-based movement.

Under Dr. Haeger's leadership, he helped NAU in the resurgence of athletics by hiring its first vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics. His bold leadership was critical to the effort to re-energize Lumberjack pride and draw more fans to athletic events. Fan support is at an all-time high, and a new athletics branding effort puts the focus on such ideals as strength, pride, heroism, determination and hard work.

In this effort to improve athletics, NAU has impressive standards for its student-athletes: succeed in the classroom, contribute to the community and win. NAU Athletics has twice under Haeger's leadership been honored with the prestigious Big Sky Conference Presidents' Cup, recognizing overall athletic success in competition and in academics.

Finally, from his first days leading the University, President Haeger was committed to di-

versity, first-generation students and student success. His Student Success Initiative ambitiously implemented a number of programs to increase freshman retention and, ultimately, the percentage of students who complete their degrees. The First-Year Learning Initiative is an extensive effort to boost the effectiveness of first-year courses by creating an environment that supports student effort. One of the greatest strides in this area has been the launch of University College, which brought about curricular change at the first-year level as well as a culture change to provide new students with the framework they need to thrive academically. It's a giant leap in efforts to retain students at a higher level from their freshman to sophomore years, and from there to help them graduate on time.

The Lumberjack Mathematics Center combines the sophisticated technology with enhanced personal contact from their instructors. Governor Brewer called NAU "a true pioneer of education innovation" and called the center an example of its "steadfast commitment to its students."

A tangible representation of NAU's commitment to serving Arizona tribes, the Native American Cultural Center connects students to their culture and supports them through mentoring and advising. The center also directly supports Native student organizations, recruitment and retention efforts. NAU has earned a welcome place among the best colleges in the nation for Native Americans.

NAU's Center for Military and Veteran Student Center reflects President Haeger's commitment to our veterans and active-duty soldiers. The center has earned recognition for its efforts, including 'Military Times' Best for Vets designation in the Southwest region and a military-friendly designation from 'GI Jobs.' The Veteran Student Center in the business college ranked No. 6 among public business schools, No. 10 overall and is the top business school for military veterans in Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, President Haeger's contribution to NAU is lasting. NAU, and the Flagstaff community, will miss him but we are better for having him. His commitment to education is unheralded, yet his legacy will endure. I'm proud to call you a friend, Dr. Haeger. Thank you for your service to NAU and to providing a bold vision for our future generation of leaders.

COMMEMORATING THE GROUNDBREAKING OF ZURICH NORTH AMERICA'S NEW HEAD- QUARTERS IN SCHAUMBURG, IL.

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas; Zurich North America has been headquartered in Illinois since 1912, and in Schaumburg, Illinois since 1980, and insures global corporate, large corporate, middle market, specialties and programs sectors through the individual member companies for over 100 years as one of the first European insurers to enter the United States market; and

Whereas; Zurich is extending its long term partnership with Schaumburg, Illinois and the

company's over 30 year presence in the north-west suburbs; and

Whereas, Zurich's new headquarters is currently the largest build-to-suit office transaction in the United States; and

Whereas, their 2,500 employees in Schaumburg will be moving to the new, state-of-the-art, sustainable and environmentally friendly headquarters facility; and

Whereas; the new 700,000+ square foot facility will cost \$200 million to build and will create up to 700 skilled vertical construction jobs; and,

Whereas; Zurich continues its tradition of supporting its customers and neighbors during moments of tragedy, helping restore and protect business, homes, and families during their hour of need; and

Whereas; Zurich engages with its local communities to support charitable efforts financially and with the time and expertise of their employees;

Now Therefore, be it known that the undersigned Member of the United States Congress, the Honorable L. TAMMY DUCKWORTH of the eighth Congressional District of Illinois, hereby recognizes the groundbreaking of Zurich North America's new headquarters in Schaumburg, Illinois, and congratulates Zurich for its continual commitment to insuring America's businesses.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2014, I traveled back to my district to survey the damage caused by severe flooding across Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted against H.R. 4899.

This Republican led omnibus bill does nothing to lower gasoline prices for consumers. Instead, this bill will benefit oil and gas companies by easing not only regulations, but weakening environmental review requirements. This is nothing more than a repackaging of bills already voted on by this Congress, and which I voted against. H.R. 4899 once again demonstrates the Republicans commitment to giveaways to big oil, while families in Minnesota are paying even more at the pumps.

On Wittman's amendment, I would have voted "no."

On Lowenthal's amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On Capps' amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On Deutch's amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On Blumenauer's amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On Bishop's amendment, I would have voted "no."

On DeFazio's amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4899, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MRS. JOHN W.
WILLIAMS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the unmatched service of Mrs. John W. Williams, who will be honored at the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of the True Love Disciples of Christ Church for her outstanding contributions to the Eastern Star, New Zion, and Memorial Missionary Baptist Churches. Working to foster the development and education of children, Mrs. Williams began teaching at her local Sunday school at the age of sixteen. Receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas, she dedicated herself to the tutelage of children by working in the Indianapolis public school system for over a decade.

Mrs. Williams has exhibited unwavering commitment to her family and community, standing alongside her husband throughout his career as a Pastor in the Buffalo community. Demonstrating steadfast fortitude throughout times of adversity, she was a pillar of support for her husband during his battles. Finding comfort and strength in Philipians 4:13 ("I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me") she overcame her own battle with breast cancer in 2011, inspiring her community with her tenacity.

Devoted to her work at the Eastern Star, New Zion, and Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Buffalo, NY above all else, Mrs. Williams has served countless hours working in the parish. Leading workshops to instill Christian values in the community, she has sought to share her passion with others in the ministry, especially the youths. Currently serving as the Supervisor of the Deaconess Board, Director of Christian Education, Office Manager, and Personal Secretary to the Pastor and Youth Director, she involves herself in the many facets of the ministry in order to further their work.

In honor of her accomplishments and dedication, she was nominated in June 2013 for the Leading Ladies Award, given to those in the Christian Community who work to make a difference in their community. On March 16, 2014, she was awarded the First Lady of Faith Award in recognition of her unwavering faith. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to also recognize Mrs. Williams today for her remarkable service in the Buffalo community. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest thanks and admirations to her work and accomplishments.

HONORING GEORGE MUSHRO ON
HIS RETIREMENT AS LOCKPORT
TOWNSHIP CLERK AND TRUSTEE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Mushro, who has retired as Lockport Township Clerk, a position he held for 21 years after serving for 13 years as a Lockport Township Trustee. Mr. Mushro, a

resident of Lockport Township for 56 years, also previously served as chairman of the Will County Democratic Party.

Mr. Mushro was appointed by the Lockport Township Board as a trustee in 1980 and served there until he was elected Clerk in 1993. During his tenure Mr. Mushro helped create a bus service for seniors in Lockport Township after seeing neighboring towns implement similar transportation services. He also introduced early voting because he was adamant in making it as convenient as possible for people to have a voice and have their vote count.

In 2013 Mr. Mushro was awarded the William Z. Ahrends Award for Clerk of the Year, which is awarded by the township clerks of Illinois. He also served on Lockport's Library Board and was a member of the St. Dennis Men's Club, Old Timers Baseball Association, and the Lockport Moose Lodge. Mr. Mushro now plans to spend more time with his family, especially with his grandchildren, in his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating George Mushro, a loyal public servant and an invaluable asset to the people of Lockport Township.

SUSPENSION OF EXIT PERMITS

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 588 and would like to thank Chairman ROYCE for moving this Resolution through the Foreign Affairs Committee in such an expedited manner.

Mr. Speaker, last year the Congolese Government put what is becoming with each passing day a definitive halt on intercountry adoptions by suspending their issuance of exit permits.

The DRC's suspension included stopping those adoptions that were finalized leaving families who had gone through the DRC's own procedure for approving an intercountry adoption and who had obtained the necessary legal clearance, paperwork, and travel visas in a heartbreaking situation.

Mr. Speaker, a family in my District has such a finalized case and with each day that this suspension continues, the emotional toll that has already weighed heavily on them since last year grows.

For this family from Wake Forest, North Carolina, there is an added sense of urgency. As is the case with many children who are awaiting their exit permit, their adopted child is in need of immediate medical care—care that is not being received in the DRC. This only further illustrates the need for quick resolution.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 588 sends a straightforward message to the Congolese Government and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, I was unavoidably absent due to a spousal medical emergency. On rollcall vote No. 355, on H. Res. 641, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 356, on H. Res. 641, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 357, on H.R. 6, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 358, on H.R. 6, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 359, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On Thursday, June 26, 2014, I was unavoidably absent due to a spousal medical emergency. On rollcall vote No. 360, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 361, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 362, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 363, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 364, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 365, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 366, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 367, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 368, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR
JEREMIAH DENTON

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of a true American hero, Jeremiah Denton.

Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr. was born in Mobile, Alabama, on July 15, 1924. The oldest of three brothers, Denton attended Spring Hill College in Mobile before going on to attend the United States Naval Academy. After graduation, Denton began his 34-year naval career, where he eventually attained the rank of rear admiral.

Mr. Speaker, Jeremiah Denton made countless sacrifices throughout his life and military career, but none is greater than his steadfast courage and heroic efforts during the Vietnam War. After less than a month of service in Southeast Asia, Denton's aircraft was shot down, and he was captured on July 18, 1965.

Denton was held as a prisoner of war over the next seven years and seven months, spending time at various prisons across Vietnam, most notably the Hanoi Hilton. During his imprisonment, Denton was often held in solitary confinement, in dark, rodent infested rooms, where he was subjected to intense torture and starvation. Despite these excruciating conditions, Jeremiah Denton did not break.

In fact, Denton inspired his fellow prisoners to not succumb to the Vietnamese torture, but

to stand up to the enemy. That was a trademark of Jeremiah Denton—he never gave up the fight.

In his most memorable moment, Denton blinked the words “torture” in Morse code during a televised propaganda interview. This was the first time Americans and the world learned the extent of torture that American POWs were experiencing. Jeremiah Denton’s bold, steadfast courage in the face of constant torture embodies the American spirit of perseverance against all odds.

Thankfully, Denton would later be released during diplomatic negotiations known as “Operation Homecoming.” Upon his return to American soil, Denton proudly declared: “We are honored to have had the opportunity to serve our country under difficult circumstances. We are profoundly grateful to our commander-in-chief and to our nation for this day. God bless America.”

Denton went on to receive the Navy Cross, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and many other military honors.

Later in life, Denton became the first Republican elected to the United States Senate from Alabama since Reconstruction. In the Senate, he worked to combat the spread of communism and strengthen our nation’s defense. He was a strong advocate for family values and a voice of reason in the Senate.

After his time in the Senate, Jeremiah Denton maintained a very modest life, offering counsel to others interested in public service, never wavering in his commitment to our great nation.

On May 28, 2014, America lost one of our finest heroes as Jeremiah Denton passed away at the age of 89.

Jeremiah Denton embodies what it means to be a public servant in every sense of the word. When his nation needed him, he always answered the call of duty and stood tall in the face of doubt and despair. He never once wavered in his commitment to serving our country, steadfastly enduring torture by the North Vietnamese.

It is often said that the measure of a man is not what he takes with him when he dies, but rather what he leaves behind. Jeremiah Denton left behind a remarkable example for future generations of what it means to be a great and proud American. He left behind a legacy that can never be filled.

We are proud to claim Jeremiah Denton as a native son of Mobile. I admire him for his passion for service, and I strive to emulate his example.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I honor the life of Senator Jeremiah Denton, not only today, but each and every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on July 8, 2014, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall 369 and “yea” on rollcall 370.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF SHELTER HOUSE, INC. AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable efforts of Shelter House, Inc., and to congratulate the recipients of the 2014 Volunteer Awards. Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization that works to break the cycle of homelessness by offering support to those most in need in the Northern Virginia community. Shelter House provides crisis intervention, temporary, transitional, and permanent housing, training, counseling, and programs to support self-sufficiency. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work of dedicated volunteers.

Shelter House was founded in 1981 by several faith groups, which came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters: The Katherine K. Hanley and the Patrick Henry family shelters, which provide temporary housing for local families who become homeless, and Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. By partnering with Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Shelter House added permanent housing to its portfolio at the Ives House. Construction of additional permanent housing began earlier this year.

The programs operated by Shelter House have contributed greatly to breaking the cycle of homelessness. In FY 2013, Shelter House served 1,858 people in 523 households and significantly reduced the average length of stay for families at each of its shelters. FY 2013 was an exciting year for Shelter House’s Community Case Management program. With the support of a grant from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool, Shelter House hired a Community Case Manager and was therefore able to increase the number of people served. The Community Case Management program focuses on homelessness prevention by providing financial assistance and support.

Volunteers and community partners are essential to this success, as they provide the tools necessary to combat homelessness. Their expertise, financial support, and efforts compose the foundation of Shelter House’s commendable work. This year, Shelter House has recognized the following individuals and partners for their outstanding commitment to ending homelessness in our community, and I am very pleased to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Changing Lives Awards: McLean Bible Church Justice Ministry, Mars Incorporated, Gracing Spaces, Greg Ziegler.

Creating New Beginnings Awards: Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging; BB&T Insurance Services, Inc.; Emmanuel Lutheran Church; St. John’s Community Services.

Community Champion Award: Supervisor John Cook.

I congratulate the 2014 Volunteer Award recipients on being recognized for their extraor-

dinary efforts and dedication to Shelter House. I also commend all Shelter House volunteers, as well as the private sector and government partners, who constantly strive to better our community through efforts to provide secure, structured environments, and indispensable support for families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Shelter House and its many volunteers and community partners. Their selfless work benefits the entire Northern Virginia community and improves the lives of many of our neighbors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EDDIE HADLOCK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Dr. Eddie Hadlock, President of North Central Texas College. After 40 years of service to NCTC, Dr. Hadlock’s exemplary career is coming to an end.

Dr. Hadlock’s career in education includes two years of public school teaching and 35-plus years as a college teacher and administrator. From part-time teaching assignments, serving as a vocational counselor, and various administrative positions up to president, Dr. Hadlock has served in virtually every area of college operations. Dr. Hadlock currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and has held membership in numerous professional organizations including serving as a member of the Reaffirmation Committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

North Central Texas College’s sterling reputation is a reflection of the committed leadership of Dr. Hadlock. His professional legacy will continue to benefit the students of North Texas for years to come. I join his colleagues and the community in commending North Central Texas College’s President, Dr. Eddie Hadlock for his dedication to education and extend best wishes upon his retirement. It is my privilege to represent North Central Texas College in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF SEIU UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman KAREN BASS, Congressman XAVIER BECERRA, Congressman AMI BERA, Congresswoman JULIA BROWNLEY, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPS, Congressman TONY CÁRDENAS, Congressman JIM COSTA, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congressman SAM FARR, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, Congresswoman JANICE HAHN, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman

ALAN LOWENTHAL, Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO, Congresswoman GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD, Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI, Congressman SCOTT PETERS, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congressman RAUL RUIZ, Congresswoman LINDA SÁNCHEZ, Congresswoman LORETTA SANCHEZ, Congressman ADAM SCHIFF, Congressman BRAD SHERMAN, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, Congressman ERIC SWALWELL, Congressman MARK TAKANO, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman JUAN VARGAS, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, and Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to honor our dear friend Mike Garcia who is retiring after more than 30 years of service to working families in California.

Mike served as the President of Service Employees International Union United Service Workers West (SEIU USSW) between 1988 and 2014, where he led 40,000 janitors, security officers and airport workers across California in the fight for good jobs. Mike has been involved in the labor movement since 1980, when he began his career organizing janitors first in San Jose and later in San Diego in the "Justice for Janitors" campaign.

In 2010 he oversaw the merger of several local unions into SEIU USWW, a statewide union of property service workers. Mike guided SEIU USWW through years of dramatic growth, taking a union of 1,800 janitors and building a powerful statewide local on the forefront of fighting for immigrants' rights and lifting working families out of poverty.

Mike had a deep understanding of policy and the questions that matter most to working class Californians. He was also extremely brave; willing to face the strongest adversaries when fighting for those who needed his help. According to Mike, his greatest accomplishment was winning the historic janitors' strike of 2000 in Los Angeles, an action he proudly notes "changed the lives of thousands of janitors and their families because USWW members—the real heroes of the strike—laid it all on the line for a chance to win and bring their families into the American middle class."

In retirement Mike will remain a powerful voice for vulnerable populations and a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform to help millions of aspiring citizens achieve better lives.

Mr. Speaker, we ask the entire House of Representatives to join us in honoring Mike Garcia for his service to our Country.

RECOGNIZING BUD ELLIOTT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bud Elliott as he celebrates his retirement as a reporter and news anchor for KSEE24. For 23 years, Bud has been a part of thousands of viewers' lives, and we will all undoubtedly miss watching him on the evening news.

Bud's career in journalism began years before his time at KSEE24. Bud worked at KHOW radio in Denver, Colorado, where he was news director for most of the 1970s. He

also worked as a news anchor at CNN-2, which later became CNN Headline News. Before arriving in Fresno, Bud worked as the main news anchor at the ABC affiliate in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1987, Bud began his career at KSEE24. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to establish a solid reputation in the community for delivering accurate news. While at KSEE24, Bud has worked as the evening news anchor, morning newscast anchor, and morning show co-anchor. He has worked from both behind the desk and out in the field to deliver news that is relevant and important to residents in the Valley.

The commitment Bud has made to his career and the Central Valley has not gone unnoticed. Throughout his time in the San Joaquin Valley, Bud has earned a number of awards for excellence in journalism, including an Emmy and several Associated Press and Radio-Television News Directors Association awards. Most recently, Bud was recognized by the Fresno County Farm Bureau for his work on a four-part series focused on the water challenges that farmers face in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions Mr. Bud Elliott has made to the San Joaquin Valley. The lasting contributions he has made to our community as a news anchor deserve to be commended.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on July 8, 2014, and would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 369: "yes;" rollcall No. 370: "yes."

CONGRATULATING LEBANESE TAVERNA ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lebanese Taverna on their 35th Anniversary. Tanios and Marie Abi-Najm immigrated to the United States in 1976, along with their five young children: Dory, Dany, David, Gladys and Grace.

The family boarded a cargo ship, in the dead of the night, to escape the Civil War in Lebanon, bringing only what they could carry. Their final destination was Arlington, Virginia where other family members had already been living. After working in local restaurants for three years, the family saved enough to purchase a small restaurant in the Westover neighborhood of Arlington, near their home. Being practical, they kept the original sign, "Athenian Taverna," changing just one word, thus "Lebanese Taverna" was born. Each family member had a role at the original location, whether it was greeting guests, serving

food, cooking in the kitchen or finishing homework at the tables.

Lebanese Taverna today, 35 years later, is a multi-concept collaboration with six restaurants, four quick service cafes, a market, and full service catering division. Tanios and Marie are easing into retirement (although still involved in quality control) while the five siblings, each with their own specialty, operate the business. Today the Abi-Najm children still greet old friends and welcome new ones into the restaurants where they grew up and shared their lives, in keeping with their motto, "good food enjoyed in good company." Lebanese Taverna has come to symbolize the realization of dreams and the rewards of dedication.

Mr. Speaker, once again, let me congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Abi-Najm on their 35 years of success. This family embodies the very best ideals of the American dream; hard work and a strong commitment to family and community. Congratulations on 35 years of success!

IN MEMORY OF PAT TORO

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of my constituent, Pat Toro, decorated Vietnam veteran, longtime former president of the Queens chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and retired law-enforcement officer. Pat passed away on Thursday, July 3, at the age of sixty-four, after a long battle with leukemia.

Pat served his country as a Marine during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the United States he continued to serve his community as a criminal investigator for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In addition to being the President of the Queens chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Pat held the positions of Southern District Leader and National Director at Large.

During his tenure with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Pat was profoundly dedicated to improving the quality of life and preserving the history of his fellow veterans. He started a program to provide dignified burials for indigent veterans, which gave ninety people the proper respect they had earned. One of Pat's goals was to construct a memorial that would honor the more than 400 fallen Vietnam veterans from Queens. Although this project remains on hold, completing it would be a fitting honor to Pat's memory.

There is not a better example of unbridled patriotism and service than Pat Toro, who was inducted into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame in 2006.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in memory of the courageous and benevolent American hero, Pat Toro, who provided an immeasurable service to some of the most deserving Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2014, I missed Rollcall Votes No. 360–369 due to commitments in my district. Had I been present I would have voted “no” on Rollcall Vote 360, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 361, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 362, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 363, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 364, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 365, “no” on Rollcall Vote 366, “yes” on Rollcall Vote 367 and “no” on Rollcall Vote 368.

HONORING ELLENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ellensburg High School Varsity Baseball Team. On Saturday May 31, 2014 the team won the Class 2A Washington State Championship, the first baseball state championship in the school's history.

This group of young men overcame adversity and, through extra practices and hard work, came to finish their season with a 10 game winning streak and winning 14 of their last 15 games. It is this perseverance that earned them this incredible championship. None of this would have been possible, of course, without the exemplary leadership of the Bulldog's Head Coach Todd Gibson, who has inspired and directed these student athletes for the past 5 years.

The young men on the team deserve individual recognition as well. They are: Xander Orejudos, Travis Lyman, Cameron Curtis, Cameron Campbell, Kyle Hickman, Bobby Ward, Tyler Wyatt, Dalton Mandelas, Garrett Hull, Junior Ledgard, Tyrel Panter, Alex Ponchene, Alonso Bibiano, Ceanu Strom, Kyler Watts, Taylor Smith, and Million Zimmerman. The coaching staff also: Brian Kelley, Travis Gibson, Casey Kelley, DJ Smith, Ryan Kellogg, and Gage Gibson.

I am honored to have Ellensburg High School as part of the Eighth Congressional District of Washington and I congratulate them on their success, and earning the 2014 Class 2A State Championship. Thank you.

HONORING MR. REX DAVIS

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rex Davis, from Lamar, Colorado.

Mr. Davis owns a 298 acre irrigated farm in southern Colorado and has participated in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program since 2007.

Throughout the years Mr. Davis has introduced efficient and sustainable practices to

improve his irrigation management which will make his farm operation viable for years to come.

His conservation practices have included gated pipeline, water control structure, irrigation system sprinkler, irrigation reservoir, pest management and nutrient management.

In addition to his farm operations, Mr. Davis raises Black Angus cattle, is a member of the Lamar Elks and is currently working on his second passion by training for his private pilot's license.

I am pleased to recognize Rex Davis as the 2013 Prowers County Conservationist of the Year.

HILLSIDE HOSE COMPANY #1 OF MORRIS TOWNSHIP 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hillside Hose Company #1, located in the township of Morris, County of Morris, New Jersey, as it celebrates its Centennial.

The Hillside Hose Company #1 was founded in 1914 by local citizens as a “not-for-profit” volunteer organization. The Company now serves as Station 3 of the Morris Township Fire Department, protecting more than 22,000 residents. When needed, it also helps other municipalities’ with mutual aid. Along with fighting fires, their dedicated volunteers also conduct neighborhood safety patrols and ensure safety for events such as the July 4th fireworks, graduation ceremonies, or other permitted events. Recently, Hillside Hose Company received a Unit Citation from the Morris Township Committee for exemplary service during the natural disaster of Hurricane Irene.

Hillside Hose Company also provides community programs to their residents by hosting events for children at Halloween, and Christmas. Some of their most successful events include the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween costume parade, and the annual Christmas tree fundraiser sale. These events are open to the public and have a high attendance of children that love to participate every year.

A considerable amount of the Hillside Hose Company #1's budget supports scholarships for local students; youth sports teams, and donations to numerous charitable causes. Hillside awards \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who pursue higher education.

The Company takes pride in educating the residents they serve about the importance of smoke detectors and safety evacuation plans. They offer important information about when to change the batteries in the detectors and teaching children what to do in the event of a fire.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating everyone that is associated with the Hillside Hose Company #1, and as they celebrate their Centennial.

RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today along with my colleague Mr. VALADAO to recognize the 25th anniversary of the California Farm Water Coalition. The Coalition's contributions to California's agricultural industry deserve to be commended.

Since 1989, the California Farm Water Coalition has been working with farmers, law-makers, and the news media to provide factual information emphasizing the importance of farm water to California's food production. The Coalition was instrumental in increasing public awareness about the resourceful water use practices that farmers partake in daily. Some interest groups falsely criticize farmers for not using their water efficiently, making these public awareness efforts even more important.

The Coalition is the largest organization in California that focuses solely on water for agriculture and is comprised of a diverse membership, which includes water districts, agencies, farmers, and organizations from the entire state. For the past 25 years, the Coalition has provided an outlet for their members to share their views and accomplishments with the public.

The California Farm Water Coalition works diligently to increase public awareness so individuals understand the important role that water has in California's economy. Since 1996, they have reached millions of motorists through a billboard campaign with the slogan, “Food Grows Where Water Flows.” They strive to stay innovative in their marketing techniques so that consumers are educated about the importance of water to growing their nutritious fruits and vegetables.

In addition to educating the public on the importance of farm water, the Coalition participates in key legislative meetings to provide valuable data pertaining to farm water and pending legislation that will affect farmers and their use of water. Their participation and resources were useful in the development of the Central Valley Water Plan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. VALADAO and myself in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the California Farm Water Coalition. The State of California's agricultural industry has benefitted immensely due to the hard work and efforts made by the California Farm Water Coalition.

IN HONOR OF PAUL S. AMOS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and servant of humankind, Mr. Paul S. Amos. Sadly, Mr. Amos passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 3:00

p.m. at St. Luke Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Paul Shelby Amos was born on April 23, 1926 in Enterprise, Alabama to the late John Shelby and Helen Mullins Amos. His father, the town postmaster, sold insurance on week-ends and served one term in the state legislature. Mr. Amos served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1944 to 1946. He met his future wife, Jean, in church and they celebrated a remarkable 65 years of marriage in October of last year.

In 1955, the Amos brothers, Paul, John, and Bill founded American Family Life Insurance Company. In 1964, the name was changed to American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, later shortened to Aflac. In its first year of business, the company had 6,426 policyholders and \$388,000 in assets. Today, it is a Fortune 500 company insuring more than 50 million people worldwide and boasting more than \$121 billion in assets.

Aflac is the world's largest supplemental insurance company and is an industry leader in Japan, where the company generates about three-quarters of its revenues. Soon after its founding, Aflac introduced a groundbreaking policy aimed at covering expenses for people with cancer. Mr. Amos is credited with introducing "worksite marketing," where products are sold directly to employees at companies through payroll deductions.

Mr. Paul, as he was known within the company, held numerous positions at the firm. He served as state sales manager for Alabama/West Florida, the first Vice President/Director of Marketing, President, and Vice Chairman. In 1990, he became Chairman of Aflac Incorporated, and his son, Daniel P. Amos, became the CEO. Mr. Paul retired in 2001 but continued serving as Chairman Emeritus and visited the Aflac offices in Columbus on a daily basis, where he was loved and respected by all. His legacy is still carried on by his son, Dan, and his grandson, Aflac President Paul Amos II.

Mr. Amos put as much love and effort into serving his community as he did into his work at Aflac. He and his wife set up several educational funds and scholarship programs, including the Paul S. Amos Family Foundation at Columbus State University in Columbus, the Paul and Jean Amos Educational Fund at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and the Scholarship Fund at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Through these programs and many anonymous donations, Mr. Amos and his wife have changed the lives of thousands of people.

Mr. Amos has received much recognition for his work at Aflac and in the community. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Cumberland College in 2001; an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Columbus State University in 2002; and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2004.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mr. Paul Amos, a great man of incredible compassion and integrity, passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in service to his beloved family and to all those whose lives he touched through his kindness and generosity. He will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. Paul Amos for his outstanding contributions to his community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN C. WAGNER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John C. Wagner of Knoxville, TN, who this week received special recognition from the Department of Energy for exceptional research in nuclear energy.

The Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award has recognized esteemed scientists for the past fifty-four years, celebrating notable achievements and discoveries within the scientific community. Administered by the Department of Energy, the Lawrence Award is given to mid-career scientists and engineers for their exceptional contributions in research and development supporting the DOE and its mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States. The 2014 winner of the E.O. Lawrence Award in Computer, Information, and Knowledge Sciences is Oak Ridge National Laboratory's John C. Wagner.

Dr. Wagner is the Manager for Used Fuel Systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and serves as National Technical Director for the Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy's Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning project. He joined Oak Ridge in 1999 as an R&D Staff Member to pursue his research in the area of hybrid radiation transport methods. His research interests include a wide range of issues associated with spent nuclear fuel storage, transportation, and disposal. Wagner was the original developer of computer codes that led to advanced hybrid transport methods. In 2012, he was elected a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society.

Dr. Wagner is being honored with this prestigious award for his contributions to computationally-based studies of radiation transport in real-world complex systems, including safety, radiation shielding, and nuclear reactor analysis. Wagner's research significantly advances the methodology used to obtain accurate predictive solutions to challenging problems ranging from civilian nuclear energy to the Nation's nuclear security. Mr. Wagner is a great asset to the scientific community and to the nation.

I want to thank Mr. Wagner for his years of dedicated service and his contributions to the safe and efficient use of nuclear energy and I wish him many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING MS. DOROTHY PARKER FOR HER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Parker. I had the honor and privilege of working with Ms. Parker in Plattsburgh, NY for more than 30 years. She works hard every day, diligently and happily performing the tasks she is assigned.

This month will mark her 50th year at the firm where we both worked, she having started there on July 13, 1964. During her five decades at the firm, Ms. Parker earned the respect of all who came to trust and depend on her, including myself. She has guided many new staff and young lawyers, teaching us the ropes, if you will, with a smile and a gentle hand.

While working for the firm, Ms. Parker raised four children and now has six loving grandchildren for whom she is a dedicated grandparent.

Ms. Parker's employer, Stafford, Piller, Murnane, Kelleher and Trombley, will be recognizing her successful 50 year career later this month with a celebratory luncheon.

MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF DENNIS VAN ROEKEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tireless champion for a quality education for all Americans, Dennis Van Roekel. When he retires as President of the National Education Association this month, he will be concluding decades of service as a teacher and advocate—a career dedicated to our children and the hard-working professionals who devote themselves to education. He leaves both NEA and our nation's schools and classrooms stronger for his leadership.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Van Roekel holds a Master's Degree in math education from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. For 23 years, he taught high school mathematics, building an intimate understanding of the challenges facing our children and our teachers.

This experience would serve as the foundation of his work to improve student learning and enhance the professionalism of education employees. It deepened his faith in the importance of public education and the right of all children, regardless of race, background or location, to a world-class education.

After holding key positions with NEA at all levels of the association, including two terms as Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, Van Roekel was elected President in 2008. Shortly after taking office, he established the Commission on Effective Teachers and Teaching, a national, independent panel whose findings formed the basis of NEA's "Leading the Profession" plan to strengthen and empower teachers and students across America.

Van Roekel has also shouldered leadership positions in education associations from the local to the international, ranging from Paradise Valley Education Association President to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Executive Committee and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Executive Board.

No investment brings more revenue back to the Treasury than education. It is the greatest investment people can make in themselves, and that our nation can make in its future. For decades, we have been fortunate to have Dennis Van Roekel helping us make that case, and helping to improve the quality of public education available to all Americans.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I join with many others in thanking Dennis for the many years of energy and determination he has given NEA and our nation. Congratulations on many successes at NEA, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

HONORING DALE LARABEE

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the San Diego and Mid City communities, particularly my neighborhood of Kensington, lost one of its most energetic and inspiring residents. Dale Larabee was a dedicated athlete and family man known for his leadership in the legal community and loved for his involvement in countless endeavors.

I got to know Dale years ago through soccer when he coached my son. I was struck by his ability to bring out the best in every child, and to control competitive parents and keep them at their best, as well. I looked forward to those games not only for the chance to watch my son play, but because seeing Dale inspire and cheer on the children was always a delight.

Dale did so much. As an attorney, he loved to fight for the underdog, and made a name for himself representing workers in employment discrimination cases. Those who worked with him knew Dale as a brilliant and fiery trial lawyer who was never afraid to stand up to bullying corporations.

Dale lived in Kensington for over 40 years and never stopped working to make his neighborhood a better place for everyone, right down to volunteering every month to clean up litter on the streets. A lifelong athlete, Dale could always be found training for his next marathon or triathlon, and he brought this passion for sport to the Kensington Social and Athletic Club, which he founded.

On those rare occasions when he wasn't hiking, biking, or swimming, Dale wrote a regular local interest column for the San Diego Uptown News, and organized the annual Kensington Memorial Day Parade and Miracle Mile Relay. Dale also found smaller ways to brighten up the neighborhood, establishing a Little Free Library on Adams Avenue where children and adults alike could feed their love of reading. You can't walk the streets of Kensington without seeing some reminder of Dale's love for his community.

Dale Larabee was a beloved husband and father, with a deep dedication to bettering his community and fighting for the little guy. His

passing is a terrible loss for his wife Diane, his sons Joel and Jeff, his daughters-in-law Tonya and Taylor, his grandchildren Aidan, Madden, Shane, Hanley, and Hollace, and all those who were lucky enough to know him. He will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on Tuesday July 8, 2014. I was in Los Angeles tending to my mother recovering from surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 369 and "yea" on rollcall vote 370, the Social Media Working Group Act of 2014 and the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act.

RECOGNIZING RYAN JOHNSON,
DUSTIN POTTER, AND D.J.
QUINTEN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courage and bravery of three constituents: Ryan Johnson, Dustin Potter, and D.J. Quinten.

On June 20, 2014, a 14-ton carrier truck crashed into Simeon's on the Commons, a popular restaurant in Ithaca, New York. Upon witnessing the crash, Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. immediately sprang into action. Despite the obvious risk, these men put their lives in harm's way to help those who were in even greater danger. Before the first responders arrived at the scene of the accident, these men rushed into the smoking building to provide assistance to the multiple victims who had sustained injuries.

Sadly, the crash took the life of Amanda Bush, a 27-year-old from Lansing, New York. I extend my deepest condolences to Amanda's friends and family, especially her fiancé and 14-month-old daughter. I am amazed by the outpouring of support that the Ithaca community has shown in response to this tragedy. Hundreds of friends and neighbors attended the memorial service for Amanda and made financial donations to a fund benefitting Amanda's family.

In total, seven people were injured as a result of the crash. I am confident that the heroic actions of Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. saved lives. We owe a collective debt of gratitude to each of these individuals for their selfless actions and willingness to assist their neighbors in a critical time of need.

I am proud to recognize Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. and I hope their actions will serve as an inspiration to others throughout Tompkins County and New York's 23rd Congressional District.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 14

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Miller III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

JULY 15

Time to be announced

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending nominations.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-106

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to protect a woman's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to

constitutionally protected reproductive rights.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks.

SD-226

JULY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine what makes a bank systemically important.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-215

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and

activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program, S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources.

SD-406

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reenergizing United States-India ties.

SD-419

JULY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine accountability and corporate culture in wake of the General Motors (GM) recalls.

SR-253

JULY 23

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, focusing on the next 25 years.

SD-628

JULY 30

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country.

SD-628